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04 MAR 75 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TECH IN  
SUBJ: AEC/ERDA TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT

REF NEW DELHI 2919

1. I MET WITH THREE-MAN ERDA TEAM FOR OVER AN HOUR THIS PAST SAT, MARCH ONE, AND HAD HIGHLY USEFUL EXCHANGE ON ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS AS THEY RELATE TO OUR OPERATIONS HERE. AMONG POINTS DISCUSSED WAS VACANT AEC SCIENTIFIC REP POSITION HERE. I STRESSED ESSENTIALITY FILLING THIS POSITION IF WE ARE TO MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL PROJECTIONS AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD ON BASIS RESOURCES AVAILABLE LOCALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE BELIEVE THAT TIME DRAWING NEAR WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT EXPLOSION SECOND NUCLEAR DEVICE RAJASTHAN, PARTICULARLY DURING LATE SPRING WHEN OPTIMUM WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAIL AS FAR AS FALLOUT PAK SIDE CONCERNED, THIS ONLY SPECULATION WITHOUT ANY HARD INFO TO GO ON BOTH AS REGARDS TIMING AND SIZE SUCH AN EXPLOSION. THIS TRUE AS WELL AS REGARDS DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY.

2. ALSO STRESSED NEED EACH PERSON BE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSON ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD WHO IN POSITION TO ESTABLISH HIS CREDENTIALS TO SATISFACTION DAE HERE THAT HE IN FACT WHAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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PURPORTS TO BE AND NOT AN INTELLIGENCE TYPE. ANY OTHER KIND

OF PERSON COULD ADD LITTLE TO WHAT WE IN CONSULATE ABLE TO DO.  
I NOTED THAT AS FAR WE AWARE, CHAIRMAN SETHNA WOULD STILL LIKE TO  
HAVE SUCH A PERSON HERE AND TO REESTABLISH HIS FORMER CLOSE AND  
DIRECT LINK WITH AEC. APART FROM POSSIBLE VISITS ERDA PERSONNEL  
IN MEANWHILE, ALSO SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY SUITABLE QUERIES BEING  
SENT TO US FROM TIME TO TIME WHICH COULD FORM BASIS FOR DIS-  
CUSSIONS WITH SETHNA. I DON'T LIKE TO BOTHER HIM UNLESS I HAVE  
SOMETHING OF SUBSTANCE TO RAISE WITH HIM.

3. ERDA TEAM NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ASSIGNMENT SUCH A REP  
AND TOOK NOTE THAT WE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED RECENTLY TO LIQUIDATE  
ALL AEC PROPERTY HERE, BUT INDICATED FULL SYMPATHY AND AN INTEREST  
IN SEEKING A REVIEW OF THIS MATTER ON RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

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